

Neighborhood Plan Update Phase II Workshop with Seniors & Persons Living with Disabilities

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Esperanza Apartments

Part I: Places and Connections

Exercise to discuss gaps and opportunities for improving pedestrian, bike and transit connectivity. (Where do you live/work/shop and mode of travel)

They walk to:

- Safeway: walk east on S. Myrtle, south on 39th. Problems – 39th Ave. S has no sidewalks, pavement in poor condition with many potholes, very difficult for people with walkers, drug activity on Myrtle, unsafe with recent muggings on residents (seniors) walking to Safeway.
- UPS store (SE corner of 38th and Othello): walk east on S. Myrtle, south on 38th, cross Othello. Like streetlights being installed Problems -- drug activity on Myrtle.
- John C. Little Park: cross 37th; Problems – unsafe after dark due to drug activity
- Businesses on MLK at Myrtle (strip malls on west side): walk east on Myrtle. Problems – drug activity on Myrtle
NOT walk/roll south on MLK because sidewalks are narrow.
- Recreational walking: north on 37th Ave. S. Problems - no sidewalks on either side of 37th north of Willow, vacant property (west side of 37th) is filled with weeds, "Can't developer be required to cut back the weeds that spill onto roadway?"
- MLK: Problems — some sidewalks (especially west side north of Othello) need repair. Areas needing sidewalks
Willow between 37th and MLK, 38th north of Willow

Part II: Building a Great Town Center

Exercise to explore relationships between number of households, retail destinations, parks and walkability. (Creating a town center, housing density, building heights, etc)

- They are comfortable with currently allowed building heights around station area.
- Heights should step down next to single-family homes.

Part III: Emerging Priorities and Opportunities

Capturing new ideas or major concepts (new themes and remaining issues)